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SERB CAPITAL BOMBARDED BY BULGARS

Nish Is Under Attack, According to Sofia Report, and Balkan State Is Being Hard Pressed by Teuton Hosts

Berlin, via Sayville, Nov. 1.—Bulgarian artillery is bombarding the outer forts of Nish, Serbia's capital, according to a Sofia dispatch today.

London, Nov. 1.—Serbia's wartime capital, Nish, trembled today beneath the fire of Bulgarian artillery, according to a Sofia dispatch.

If this word be true, it means that the Bulgarians after getting their grip on Pirot, key to Nish, made a hurried move against the capital nearly 40 miles distant, or else from elsewhere in the Timok valley.

The report declared that the Bulgars' fire was directed at the outer forts of the city.

At the same time, the heralded Russian troop expedition to Bulgaria to aid Serbia or shut off the T. drive for Constantinople was reported to have approached Varna Sunday, while warships blazed the way with bombardment of the port.

Paris officially reported that the Bulgarians withdrew from the Istib region after reconnoitering, without fighting. Cannonading in the Rebrovo region and from Kfirolak to Veles was also reported.

On the western front the battle around Tahure still rages.

Turkish artillery Sunday was busy, sinking a French submarine and hitting an allied transport.

WOULD MAKE JOHN AUSTIN HOOPER A RUNNING MATE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Baker, Nov. 1.—After robbing his employer and riding 120 miles by horseback to Ontario, an unidentified man, arrested in Ontario, Ore., is being brought here today by a deputy sheriff. His activities for ten hours yesterday were:

At the point of a revolver compelled his employer, C. B. Adams, a rancher 30 miles from Baker, to saddle him a horse, robbed Adams of \$160, bound him securely and then rode the horse ten miles to Auburn.

At Auburn he made another rancher bring him 20 miles to Baker in an automobile. At Baker he spent two hours, leisurely eating dinner, and then boarded an O. W. R. & N. train and rode 90 miles to Ontario. Arrested at Ontario on arrival.

In the meantime Adams had severed his bonds and notified the authorities by telephone. The robber claimed to Adams that he was Hugh Whitney, the notorious bandit, but this is not believed by the authorities.

NO REFUND OF TARIFF FOR GOODS LOST IN FIRE

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Portland, Nov. 1.—There will be no refund of tariff duties paid on a cargo of goods destroyed in the Seattle dock fire last week.

Collector of Customs Thomas C. Burke so ruled today.

A Portland consignee asked Collector Burke for the opinion. Burke informed the applicant that if the goods had been finally released by the government inspectors, the consignees had no redress and the duty as paid would stand.

WATCH ELECTIONS IN EIGHT EASTERN STATES TUESDAY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Nov. 1.—Election breezes tomorrow in eight states may show to some extent which way the national political winds of 1916 are blowing.

Massachusetts, Maryland, Mississippi and Kentucky will elect governors; Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Mississippi and Kentucky will elect legislatures in whole or in part; woman suffrage will play a dominant part in the elections of New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. Suffrage leaders claimed confidence today in the results of the tests. If all three states adopt suffrage, fully 6,000,000 women will be enfranchised. Odds were offered everywhere against suffrage winning, however.

While the gubernatorial contests may not furnish much line on the 1916 possibilities, the complexion of legislatures will give at least an indication, political experts said today.

PUBLIC OPINION IN GREECE AGAINST ENTERING THE WAR

By Wm. G. Shepherd.
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Athens, Nov. 1.—Chances that Greece will enter the war are extremely remote at present. Public opinion regarding participation is exactly what it is in the United States. Everybody wants to keep out of it.

If the Bulgarians should spill over the frontier a small Greek-Bulgar war might be possible.

Germany promises, however, that the Bulgarians won't.

Former Premier Venizelos remains in Athens.

The American cruiser Des Moines dominates the busy scene in the harbor of Piraeus, the port of Athens.

VON BERNSTORFF WILL SEE LANSING TOMORROW

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Nov. 1.—The state department announced today that German Ambassador von Bernstorff will confer with Secretary Lansing tomorrow.

THE BRITISH VESSEL TAWARD SUBMARINED

London, Nov. 1.—The British vessel Taward has been sunk by a German submarine, but her crew was saved.

RETRENCHMENT IS ORDER IN BUILDING JAPAN'S NEW NAVY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Tokyo, Nov. 1.—Owing to the pressure of financial conditions, Japan's navy department has decided to retrench in her naval building program. Last year the national defense council endorsed the program fixed upon after the Russo-Japanese war, whereby the Japanese navy would be built up to eight super-dreadnaughts, eight battle cruisers, with light cruisers, destroyers and submarines in proportion. The new program calls for eight super-dreadnaughts and only four battle cruisers. Inasmuch as four dreadnaughts and four battle cruisers are already afloat, so there remain only four dreadnaughts to be constructed, the whole fleet, it is expected, will be completed by 1923.

MEXICAN SHELLS EXPLODE ON AMERICAN TERRITORY

Battle Between Rebels Under General Villa and Government Troops for Possession of Agua Prieta Is Now on, and 5000 American Troops Lie in the Trenches to Protect Interests of the United States During the Fight

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 1.—With the opening of the battle between Carranzistas and Villistas for possession of Agua Prieta at 1:37 o'clock this afternoon, a shell exploded in front of the home of Mrs. Alice O'Loughlin, an American, 100 yards from the trenches.

The battle was started when the Carranzistas opened fire on the Villa advance guard. A Villa battery of four-inch guns was dragged to an advantageous position 200 yards south of the international boundary and returned the fire, sending a stream of shrapnel shells into Agua Prieta.

Villa's artillery fire was most effective. Destruction in the city of Agua Prieta was visible from the American side. At the same time the Carranza fire was apparently high and Villa casualties few.

Under cover of the artillery fire, a Under cover of the artillery fire, within a few yards of the Carranza trenches.

"We'll be in the city in two hours," their leader yelled to the American soldiers on the border within a stone's throw. His men lay flat on the ground, waiting for an opportune moment, while the Carranzistas potted away at them briskly from the shelters. Before the fight had been in progress five minutes half a dozen shells burst within 50 yards of the United States custom house, rattling the windows and sending a knot of spectators gathered there running helter skelter for cover.

Following closely behind the infantry advance guard came several squadrons of cavalry, led by General

Villa himself. Other dense masses of infantry were seen behind the cavalry.

The excitement in Douglas was intense. General Davis has ordered the people to remain indoors during the battle.

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 1.—General Villa's army today trained upon the town of Agua Prieta 45 field guns and about 60 machine guns ready at a moment's notice to open the impending battle with the forces of General Carranza.

The sudden unmasking of Villa's artillery was done with considerable theatrical effect. Clouds of horsemen scouting close to the Carranzista trenches around Agua Prieta suddenly retreated, opening their ranks as they did so to reveal the guns being dragged forward, some by columns of men laboring at long ropes, some by teams of six horses.

When the dust cleared the artillery was in position, remarkably close to the town. Villa's infantry scouts advanced at the same time and deployed just in front of the guns.

The main Villa army is still encamped six miles east of Agua Prieta. Three thousand American soldiers occupy trenches dug along the Arizona side of the border in plain view of the Villa camp.

More reinforcements are expected by Villa this afternoon, when 3,000 Villistas from Naco, comprising the combined commands of Generals Urbalajo and Mendez, arrive. They

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TEUTONS CONTINUE TRIUMPHANT MARCH THROUGH SERB'S COUNTRY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
London, Nov. 1.—While Teutons and Bulgars progress triumphantly in Serbia today, developments along the west front commanded attention.

The hill of Tahure, in the Champagne, is in the hands of the Germans. They are now directing their blows at the town of Tahure itself. While the hill was taken only after days of merciless pounding, the French claim that the German losses were heavy and that elsewhere they were repulsed.

The capture of the hill is important from the fact that it has a commanding position with relation to the strategically important Chalange-Basancourt railway.

Meantime the Teutons and Bulgarians are squeezing Serbia in a relentless vise.

With Pirot, key to Nish, in Bulgaria's hands, the situation now presents two important moves. There is a drive from the southeast toward Nish, while the Teutons are moving on Krauvvetabatz, Serbia's arsenal.

Capture of the latter would mean shutting the Serbians off from their ammunition supply and would mean the earlier shattering of their desperate resistance.

Control of Nish would give additional railway facilities to the central allies for their planned move to assist the Turks.

Montenegrin forces are harrying the lines of the Austrians advancing from the west and are slowing their movement appreciably.

In Russia there is terrific artillery battling on the Dvinsk front. The official Petrograd statement today

told of fierce fighting northwest of Caartoryk, where the Teutons were halted by the artillery and rifle fire of the Russians. Partial repulse of the Teuton offensive around the Strypa-Dneister junction was claimed. Two German steamers have fallen to the Russians in the Gulf of Bothnia.

On the Italian front the offensive continued, but the Italians are still hard pressed. The official Italian statement early today told of a ruse in the Astico valley whereby Austrians pretended to surrender but were met by a "murderous fire," which ended in their rout.

In the Rienz valley the Austrians gained an advantage, only to be routed the following day with the arrival of fresh Italian forces.

Artillery still thunders along the Isonzo front. How the reported Russian troopship expedition to invade Bulgaria is progressing is unknown, though a naval battle between Russians and Turks in the Black sea was reported.

That Russians will be permitted to cross Roumania is the growing belief.

The expected permission from Roumania, however, has been delayed. Meantime the allied fleets are again bombarding the Aegean coast of Bulgaria.

Heavy battling between French and Bulgarian forces in the Strumitza and Krivolak regions was reported in Athens dispatches.

Much of the Serbian fighting has degenerated into guerilla warfare, which annoys but does not check the invaders.

DEFENSE MADE BY GREAT BRITAIN IS NOT SUFFICIENT

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Nov. 1.—England's defense that her stoppage of American trade to neutral nations was on the ground that the goods were destined ultimately for the central allies is not acceptable to the United States. This was made certain today when American Consul General Skinner of London arrived for a conference with Secretary Lansing.

"It is true," Skinner commented, "that American exports to the Netherlands increased after the war started. But England's contention is by no means correct. The increase indicated simply that goods formerly distributed from Hamburg, Bremen and Antwerp now all go to Holland."

Lansing denied that Skinner's activity in presenting American views to England concerning the latter's blockade would result in preventing his return to the London post.

BLANCHE WALSH, STAR IN VAUDEVILLE, DEAD

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Cleveland, Nov. 1.—Blanche Walsh, noted actress of a few years ago, and more lately vaudeville star, is dead here. She collapsed recently at Youngstown, Ohio, having insisted on filling her engagement there before she had completely recovered from an appendicitis operation.

She was booked to appear on a Pacific coast vaudeville circuit this week, but death called her last night.

TEACHERS IN AN ARMENIAN COLLEGE ARE TORTURED

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Boston, Nov. 1.—Four professors of the Euphrates American college founded by American missionaries at Harpot, Armenia, were horribly tortured by the Turks before being put to death, according to a letter made public here today by Rev. Robert Keating Smith, of Westfield, Mass. The nails of another were pulled out with pincers. Seven-eighths of the students were deported, killed or exiled, and the young girls carried away to harems, the letter said. The letter was written by an American connected with the college, Rev. Smith said, and was addressed to Bishop Casparian of Boston. It is dated July 19, 1915, but the name of the writer is withheld in the fear that he may be hunted and killed.

Fourteen professors were engaged in instructing 150 Armenian students, two-thirds of them girls of American ideas, when the war broke out, it was stated. The Turkish authorities took over seven of the eight buildings of the school.

"Seven principal native professors, educated in America, were taken from the college," the writer said. "Four were killed; three are still living. Prof. Tanekejian, who had taught mathematics for 35 years and was my personal friend, was taken prisoner on May 1. The hairs of his head, his moustache and his beard were pulled out by the roots. He was held by soldiers, and as his hair was long they were actually wrenched out by the handful. This was done in an attempt to force him to confess that he was involved in some political plot.

"He was kept without food many days and was then hung from a beam all day, suspended by a rope tied to one arm, and then at night by a rope tied on one leg, hanging upside down. He was then taken down, nearly dead from strangulation and apoplexy, beaten and then forced to make his way as best he could on foot 50 kilometers. On the way he was killed."

KRAJUEVATZ IS TAKEN BY TEUTONS

Strongly Fortified Point, Location of Chief Serbian Arsenal, Is Captured by the Austro-German Troops

Berlin, Nov. 1.—The Austro-German armies have captured Krajuevatz, it was officially announced today.

This capture is the most important move since the Teutons jammed their way across the Danube and Save rivers. Strongly fortified, the town occupied a mountainous position, easily capable of defense. Austrian forces on a previous invasion attacked in vain. Here is located a great arsenal, the main source of the Serbian munitions supply.

DOZEN STUDENTS FROM JOSEPHINE AT THE STATE U.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Nov. 1.—Every county in Oregon except four, eleven other states and two foreign countries are represented among the students of the state university this year. Josephine county has twelve students enrolled. They are: Don Belding, Rea Calvert, Tyrrell Carner, Gladys Conklin, Edith Dahlberg, Helen Hair, Elmer Howard, Cedric Marshall, Aiva Nipper, Edward Thomas and Lawrence Underwood, of Grants Pass, and Marian Reed, of Merlin.

Josephine county students are taking an active interest in student body enterprises and activities.

This year's registration shows an increase of 10 per cent over the enrollment of the corresponding time last year.

BRITISH PRIZE CREW HAS TAKEN AMERICAN VESSEL

Washington, Nov. 1.—A British prize crew seized the American steamer Liama, afterward grounded off Scotland yesterday, according to the Dundee consul's report to the state department today. No reasons were assigned for the seizure.

The Liama grounded at Skee Skerries, Westray, but not seriously.

Consul Young, at Halifax, also wired that the American vessel Hocking, formerly the Danish vessel Gronland, reported to be on the British blacklist, was brought into Halifax yesterday after being halted off New York by British warships.

Still another vessel, the Danish Hamburg, was seized.

In the absence of details, state department officials did not attempt an explanation of the British reasons, though it was suggested in some quarters that the seizures are perhaps the beginning of a new policy concerning neutral ships suspected of engaging in German trade.

Halifax, Nov. 1.—Captain Van Ede of the Danish vessel Hamburg said today he did not know why a British warship seized his ship and brought it into port here. It was expected that the admiralty court would issue warrants this afternoon for the formal arrest of the Hamburg.